

Respondent explains, many institutions have recently been experiencing an influx of fake arbitration awards like the one here. This scam is being perpetrated across the country, and numerous courts have recognized that these purported awards are unenforceable. See, e.g., Imperial Indus. Supply Co. v. Thomas, No. 2:19-CV-129-KS-MTP (S.D. Miss. Jan. 8, 2020) (finding that the Sitcomm arbitration award was improper because there was no binding arbitration agreement and granting motion to vacate arbitration award); Nichols v. U.S. Bank, N.A., No. 2:19-mc-162, 2020 WL 61049 (S.D. Miss. Jan. 6, 2020) (denying confirmation of purported arbitration award and entering an order to show cause why the plaintiff should not be sanctioned for seeking confirmation of award); Kalmowitz v. Fed'l Home Mortg. Corp., No. 6:19-mc-10, 2019 WL 6249298 (E.D. Tex. Oct. 22, 2019) (finding that the arbitration documents have no legal validity and vacating the award); Meekins v. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 3:19-cv-501, 2019 WL 7340300 (E.D. Va. Dec. 30, 2019) (denying confirmation of purported arbitration award with prejudice and taking sanctions motion under advisement, allowing the petitioner 14 days to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for seeking confirmation of award); Grant v. Bank of America, N.A., No. 8:19-cv-01977-VAP (C.D. Calif. Dec. 20, 2019); Brown v. Ally Financial, Inc., No. 2:18cv70-KS-MTP, 2019 WL 6718672 (S.D. Miss. Dec. 10, 2019); Teverbaugh v. Lima One Capital, LLC, No. 2:19-MC-159-KS-MTP (S.D. Miss. Dec. 13, 2019); Teverbaugh v. Lima One Capital, LLC, No. 1:19-cv-5482 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 14, 2019); Teverbaugh v. First Guaranty Mortg. Corp., No. 1:19-cv-5485 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 14, 2019). Just as in these cases, the arbitration award here is unenforceable and has no legal merit, and the Court

PennyMac Loan Servs., LLC v. Sitcomm Arbitration Ass'n, No. 2:19-CV-193-KS-MTP, 2020 WL 1469458, at *1 (S.D. Miss. Mar. 26, 2020).

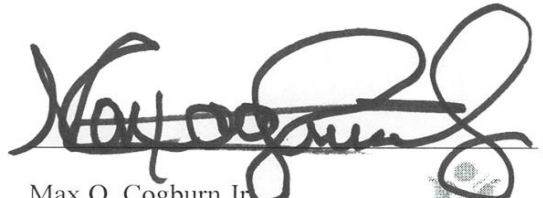
will therefore deny the application to confirm the arbitration award and dismiss this action.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

- (1) Petitioners' "Application to Confirm Arbitration Award," (Doc. No. 1), is **DENIED**.
- (2) This action is dismissed.
- (3) The Clerk is instructed to terminate this action.

Signed: May 19, 2020



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge